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Re: Bay State Gas Company, D.T.E. 05-27

Dear Alex:

In response to your letter of May 17, although no procedural schedule has yet been established for this proceeding, Bay State Gas Company ("Bay State") assumes that the same schedule for responding to information requests will be adopted by the Department as was adopted in the KeySpan rate case, D.T.E. 03-40. Bay State is, therefore, planning to respond to all information requests within ten (10) business days, and sooner whenever possible.

As you know, since May 6 Bay State has received a total of eight (8) sets of information requests from the Attorney General and the Department. Bay State has been working as quickly as possible to prepare responses to those requests and expects to submit responses to twenty seven (27) requests today.

As we have discussed, we will contact you directly regarding questions that may arise with the Attorney General's requests.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Dewees Jr.

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